

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Pednault, E.

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For: MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTING PREDICTIVE MODELS THAT ALLOW  
INPUTS TO HAVE MISSING VALUES

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 17, delete "Our work" and insert --The invention--;

line 20, delete "we have also" and insert --it has been--.

Page 2, line 9, delete "We have" and insert --It has also been--.

Page 6, line 10, delete "scheme" and insert --schemes--.

Page 7, line 12, delete "we have" and insert --the inventor has--;

line 19, delete "we have" and insert --the present inventor has--.

Page 9, line 21, delete "drawing" and insert --drawings--.

Page 15, line 12, delete "directly" and insert --directly--.

Page 22, line 26, delete "field" and insert --fields--.

Page 23, line 28, after "in" insert --a--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a  
program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for constructing a  
predictive model [models] that can be used to make predictions even when the values of some